



Charter School of Educational Excellence 2017-2018

MARCH NEWS

It seems surprising to me that we have entered the month of March already. With the mounds of snow, and its impact on the school delays and



cancellations, it feels as if February was a blur. We are hopeful that the coming weeks will actually bring our first Spring flowers.

Spring is in the air, and the month of March brings a lot of fun activities to CSEE. Our students are gearing up for testing, and our teachers are working hard to ensure they are ready for the spring assessments. We are excited about the progress our students are making in the classrooms, and are certain that we will achieve all of our goals during testing. I want to thank our CSEE parents for being involved in their children's education. I would also like to thank our CSEE teachers, who are hard at work teaching the required curriculum and preparing our students each and every day. Of course, learning is a joint endeavor between home and school. Without your support, our task becomes much more difficult. Please continue to make sure that your child attends school every day, arrives on time, completes homework assignments, reads every night for enjoyment, reviews what they have learned, and receives a good night's sleep. Studies indicate that these factors play a significant role in the learning process. With us all working together, we will continue to see our students succeed.

SPRING BREAK 2018

In accordance with CSEE's 2017-2018 calendar, the following dates serve as make-up days for those lost due to inclement weather closings April 3 and April 4. Therefore, students and staff are required to report to school on Tuesday, April 3 and Wednesday, April 4.

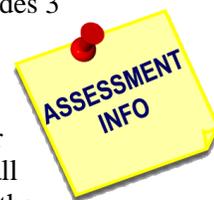


Spring Break is scheduled from March 30 to April 2; and April 5 and 6 this school year. Students are to report back to school on Monday, April 9.

I want to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful, well deserved spring break. If you are traveling or staying home, I hope you can all have a restful week with your child.

NEW YORK STATE ELA ASSESSMENTS REMINDER

At the beginning of April, students in Grades 3 - 8 will be taking the NYS ELA assessments. The NYS ELA assessments will take place on April 11 - 12. It is important that your child be present for testing on these dates. We encourage all families to schedule appointments around the scheduled testing dates.



Tips for being successful during the tests:

- Go to bed early; get a good night's sleep
- Have a good breakfast and avoid heavy foods that may make your child groggy; avoid high sugar foods that may make your child hyper
- Encourage your child to do their very best

A Parents' Guide with testing information is posted on our school website at

<http://www.charterschoolofeducationalexcellence.org/>

SAVE THE DATE – CSEE'S BEATS AND BITES 2018

Save the date - CSEE's Beats and Bites 2018 will be held on June 5, 2018! Join us for an evening of live music and great food – all in the name of education!



For additional information, and to purchase tickets please visit our school website at <http://www.charterschoolofeducationalexcellence.org/>

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

This year, daylight savings time starts on March 11 at 2:00 AM. Remember to “spring forward” one hour on this date!

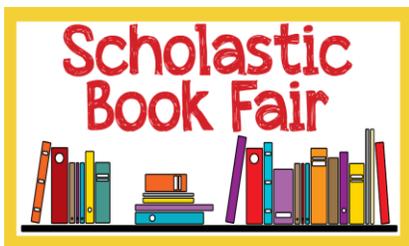
REPORT CARDS AND PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

On Tuesday, April 17, 2018, we will be having our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences. This is an early release day for students. During this time, parents will receive their child's report card. Please be on the lookout for more information on Parent Teacher Conferences. Letters and RSVP forms were sent home on March 14. Please complete and return them to your child's teacher. Parents must schedule an appointment to get their child's report card, as report cards will not be sent home with students.



THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING

We are excited to announce that our Spring Book Fair is just around the corner, and this year's theme is Paws for Books Book Fair. Our Scholastic Book



Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

The fair will be open on April 16 during all lunch periods and on April 17 during Parent Teacher Conferences. We will be selling books such as *Pete the Cat*, *Diary of a Wimpy Kid*, *Restart*, *The Secret Grave*, *Good Dog*, *From You to Me*, and many more. Come visit us in the Resource Room.

UNIFORM REMINDER

Now that spring is here and the weather is getting warmer, students are still expected to come to school in their full uniform every day. The Charter School of Educational Excellence strictly enforces its uniform policy. Students who do not have a gym uniform are instructed to wear their everyday uniform and will not be allowed to attend gym. Failure to wear the uniform violates the school's uniform policy. If a student reports to school out of uniform, a parent will be notified and will have to (1) bring the child's uniform to school, or (2) pick-up the child from school.



As a reminder, the following attire is prohibited, and will result in a uniform violation notice:

- Skinny jeans or leggings in place of school pants
- Doo-rags, hats/caps, hoodies, or any other type of headdress (except for religious purposes)
- Shirts or sweaters with logos (other than the school sweater)
- Haircuts should not be extreme in style, length or color; mohawks and shaved hair designs are not permitted
- Boys are not permitted to wear earrings in school, and haircuts must be short and clean cut
- Girls are not permitted to wear dangling or large earrings; earrings for girls must be close to the earlobe
- Students are not permitted to wear any type of boots – black shoes/loafers only
- Students are not permitted to wear make-up throughout the school day

Please visit our school website for more information under our Parent Handbook at

<http://www.charterschoolofeducationalexcellence.org/>

APPLICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR 2018-2019

Please be advised that all CSEE Yonkers parents must apply for Yonkers Public School Transportation in order for their children to be eligible for transportation for the 2018-2019 school year. Please



visit our school website for the application for Transportation Services to Non-Public Schools for 2018-2019, and the list of required documents.

Important information to keep in mind:

- Applications must be completed AND returned in person to the Transportation Department at One Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701 on or before April 1, 2018.
- PROOF OF RESIDENCE IS REQUIRED to be submitted with all applications for Transportation.
- If you submitted an application for the 2017-2018 school year, you must: (1) complete another application for transportation for the 2018-2019 school year, AND (2) provide three proofs of residence to the Transportation Department. No appointment is required for students who took the bus for the 2017-2018 school year, but you must

still complete the form and submit the three proofs of residency.

- If you are a **NEW APPLICANT** for school transportation for the 2018-2019 school year, you must call the Information Center at (914) 376-8050 to schedule an appointment to register your child with the school district. For this appointment, you will need a birth certificate and three (3) proofs of residency. This is a must.
- Before leaving the transportation department, please make sure to get a copy of your stamped (dated) application as proof of the completion process. Please keep this information in a safe place.

DOODLE FOR GOOGLE

The art department received over 100 entries from CSEE students in Grades K - 8 to submit to Google's "Doodle for Google" competition. The theme was "What Inspires You", and students submitted drawings in a variety of media demonstrating their inspirations, motivations, and dreams for the future. Food, sports, science, holidays, family, art, and nature were some popular themes, plus many more! Prizes include a \$30,000 college scholarship, a \$50,000 technology grant for the school, a visit to Google headquarters in CA, and having your Google logo art posted online. We congratulate and wish all of the artists the best of luck. We are so proud of our students. A display of the entries will be on view on the first floor by Principal Lopez's office and outside the MPR. Make sure you tell your favorite artist they did a great job!



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO WILL BE IN KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR?

CSEE will be accepting applications for children entering Grades K - 8 in the fall of 2018. There will be approximately 75 open seats for Kindergarten, and a few seats open for Grades 1 - 8, depending on grade

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914-476-5070 Ext. 18	
Visit our website at www.charterschoolofeducationalexcellence.org	
Designed as a NONPACED SCHOOL FOR 2014 - 2018 by the New York State Department of Education	
<p>We are accepting new student applications for Grades K-8</p> <p>INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 28, 2018 at 9:00 AM • March 13, 2018 at 2:00 PM • March 22, 2018 at 5:00 PM <p>340 Warburton Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701</p> <p>APPLICATION DEADLINE: March 23, 2018 at 4:00 PM</p> <p>LOTTERY DATE: April 10, 2018</p> <p>For an application or more information please call:</p> <p>914-476-5070 Ext. 18</p>	<p>Estamos aceptando solicitudes para los grados K-8</p> <p>SESIONES INFORMATIVAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28 de febrero a las 9:00 AM • 13 de marzo a las 2:00 PM • 22 de marzo a las 5:00 PM <p>260 Warburton Avenue Yonkers, NY 10701</p> <p>LA FECHA LIMITE PARA ENTREGAR LA SOLICITUD ES EL DIA 23 DE MARZO A LAS 4:00 PM</p> <p>LA LOTERIA SE LLEVARA A CABALLO EL DIA 10 DE ABRIL DEL 2018</p> <p>Para obtener informacion llame al:</p> <p>914-476-5070 Ext. 18</p>
<p>"We aim to inspire, motivate and instill a love for learning in all children"</p>	

availability. Because many

families choose to register their children at CSEE, it is important that if you know someone that is planning to have their child attend CSEE that they complete and submit the LOTTERY APPLICATION for the 2018-2019 school year in a timely manner.

Please contact Ms. Carmen Goldberg at (914) 476-5070 ext. 18 or email Ms. Goldberg at cgoldberg@cseeschool.org for more information.

1st and 2nd GRADE – MARITIME AQUARIUM FIELD TRIP

The 1st and 2nd Grade students had a wonderful time exploring the Maritime Aquarium on March 23 and March 29. Students learned all about amazing sea creatures such as, sting rays, jelly fish, sharks, seals, and fish. They had the opportunity to feel sting rays and jellyfish in their touch tanks. They also enjoyed learning about many different types of ocean fish as they walked through many different aquarium tanks. It was hard to decide what their favorite part of the day was! It was a tie between the seal show and the shark dive. During the seal show, students learned so much interesting information about seals, and got to watch as the seals were fed. The shark dive was truly astonishing as well! Students watched closely as a trained scuba diver went deep into the tank and answered all of their questions about these amazing creatures. It was truly a day to remember for our 1st and 2nd Graders!



THE LEADER IN ME – HABIT 6 SYNERGIZE

The Leader in Me initiative is based upon Dr. Steven Covey's Seven Habits of Highly Effective People. These habits focus on essential life skills and characteristics students will need in order to thrive in the future. Teachers and students are spending time on a daily basis and during their The Leader in Me period on the Seven Habits.



Habit 6 is Synergize

Synergy means "two heads are better than one." Synergize is the habit of creative cooperation. It is teamwork, open-mindedness, and the adventure of finding new solutions to old problems. But it doesn't just happen on its own. It is a process, and through that process people bring all their personal experience and expertise to the table. Together, they can produce far better results that they could individually. Synergy lets us discover jointly things we are much less likely to discover by ourselves.

With your children, choose a problem you may have (dividing family responsibilities, keeping track of homework completion, following curfew) and use the Synergy Action Plan to summarize your child's solution and your solution:

1. Define the problem.
2. Share your views.
3. Think of solutions.
4. Choose the best solution together.

THE IMPORTANCE OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Good attendance benefits your child's education. Research is clear – students who attend school regularly do better academically, and are more likely to establish work habits that help them succeed in life. Studies show students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss an entire year's worth of school before their senior year. Students who miss 8 days or more each year are at risk of not graduating with their class. Attendance is everyone's responsibility.

Tips:

- Arrive to school and class on time – make it a family priority
- Plan family vacations during non-school days
- Try to schedule medical appointments after school hours; if the appointment is in the middle of a school day, bring your child to school before the appointment, and return to school, if time permits, to finish the day
- Allow your child to stay home only when they have a contagious illness, or are too sick to be comfortable at school

STAR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH – FEBRUARY

K-101

Emmanuela Abu

K-102

David Aboagye



K-117

Diego Ferraras

1-113

Amar'i Sylvester

1-114

Francheska Sepulveda

1-115

Gabriella Rodriguez

2-103

Nayeli Colon

2-105

Brianna Cruz

2-106

Ziara George

3-110

Yakira Warner

3-111

Edwin Gonzalez

3-203

Nicholas Tovar

4-124

Johanna Bello

4-125

Lesly Perez

4-130

Sarah Suazo

5-204

Joyce Okoli

5-207

Jeannine Brown

5-211

Jayden Camacho



OWLS ATHLETICS

Owls Soccer:

The Owls Soccer team has been preparing for its upcoming season for the past two weeks. The Owls will open their season on Monday,



April 9 at 4:30 pm vs. Equality Charter School. The Owls will heavily rely on their 8th Grade veteran stars Diego Reyes, Alex Aguilar, and Cristofer Campos to bring home a league title to the Owls Nest. The Owls have made it to the league's final four for the past two seasons, and look to go the distance this year! Stay tuned for Owl Soccer updates in the coming weeks.

Boys Baseball:

The Owls Boys' Baseball team enters the 2018 season with high expectations. With two new coaches, Mr. Settler

and Mr. Fleming, the Owls Baseball team looks to bring back the basics of team chemistry, and drive the fundamentals in creating a successful season that ends up deep into the post season. The Owls will come out with a balanced attack with veteran 8th Graders Brandon Rivera, Reynaldo Encarnacion, and Jared Harmon, who contributed to a 2016 championship season. With the addition of 6th Graders Chase Howard, Aiden Martinez, and Daziel Martinez, the Owls have built a team that will compete at a high level for years to come.

Girls Softball:

The defending undefeated league champions are back at it, preparing for a 2018 season where every team in the league will be looking to dethrone the champs. The Owls Softball team has been working hard over Spring Break preparing for their first game on Saturday, April 14 at 12:00 pm vs. Health & Science Charter School. The Lady Owls will once again put huge premiums on their team chemistry and long practices in preparing for the season. Stay tuned to see if the Owls Softball team can remain perfect for yet another season!

Follow CSEE Owls Athletics on Instagram:
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COMING UP

March 2, 2018

Dr. Seuss's Birthday – Guest readers for Kindergarten – 2nd Grade students

March 8, 2018

- PTO Meeting – 5:30 PM
- Board of Trustees Meeting – 6:30 PM

March 9, 2018

PTO Movie Night (K-4) – 5:30 PM

March 11, 2018

Daylight Saving Time

March 13, 2018

- Half-Day for Students; Professional Development for Teachers
- Information Session for New Students

March 16, 2018

- Dress Down – Decades Day; \$2.00 for all participants
- 3rd Grade Field Trip – Hudson River Museum

March 20, 2018

Boy Scouts Meeting – 4:00-5:15 PM

March 22, 2018

Informational Session for New Students

March 23, 2018

- 2nd Grade Field Trip – Maritime Aquarium
- Lottery Paperwork Due – 2018-2019 School Year
- Girls Scouts Meeting – 4:00-5:15 PM

March 27, 2018

Boy Scouts Meeting – 4:00-5:15 PM

March 29, 2018

- 4th Grade Field Trip – Liberty Science Center
- 1st Grade Field Trip – Maritime Aquarium

March 30, 2018

School Closed – Good Friday

McKinney-Vento

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- 1 - In a shelter;
- 2 - In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation;
- 3 - In a car, park, abandoned building or bus or train Stations;
- 4 - Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act. If you believe your children may be eligible, contact Valerie Parker, Homeless Liaison at 914-476-5070 ext. 21 to find out what services and supports may be available.

